wished to see.

Our fairs are a runnin' down; they are not Where you took the prizes for bread, butter—as yellow as gold; There were hundreds of useful things that Now dozens of racin' horses and hundreds ed it back to the General, remarking our gloves. As for the minor gew-

What all this sportin' will lead to is more than I now can teil; But somehow, it seems to me like the down-I may be a little harsh, but I'm speakin' the simple truth, For bettin', raein' and drinkin' are the foes of our noble youth.

We shall come to a nation of gamblers, 1 mrtters keep on this way;
Why, what do you think? a youngster accused me of bettin' to-day;
When I laid my hand on the head—that has not seen ten years yet— And called him a fine little fellow—he answered me back, "You bet!"

"Tut, tut! little man," said I, "that thing I have never done; Come, stand by grandpa's knee; let me reas on with you, my son." He straightened up his clothes and said, with a look so queer, 'iI didn't come here for preachin'; old man walk off on your ear!"

We never heard talk that when you and were young: My father and mether-bless 'em-put a bridle upen my tongue I'm old, and I'm gettin' blind, but a difference I can see, 'Twixt the boys of eighteen hundred and

eighteen seventy-three. How is it about the girls? They, too, from the path have strayed I didn't see one a showin' the butter her own They stood in their pony phætons, with a woman's ease and grace.

All eyes were watchin the track; the race was every man's theme; And I said to myself, "Is this a fair, or I saw 'bout a dozen boys lookin' 'round at

when the wrong name it has got? No longer call it a fair but an agricultural

There take my pipe and tobacco! I'll sleep It's tiresome work a talkin' about a degener-You needn't disturb me, wife, till the bells of the evening chime For I may go back in my dreams to the fairs

of the olden time JOHN H. YATES. KISSING THE PRESIDENT.

The Heroes of the War Charge on the Lips of the Ladies-Record of the Daring Beeds of Gens. Grant, Sher-

but the Brave Deserve the Fair."

and the leading Generals of the United States army, Thursday, at Toledo, bands with President Grant, Generthe following scene took place, as re- als Sherman, Sheridan and Custer. ported in the Toledo Commercial:

passing on to the Generals. At the one hour. If we consider the further the Paper a few weeks ago, the indioutset the proceedings were marked with such dignity and decorum as would naturally be expected, but as the ceremony progressed, a certain mous.

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KISSING THE PRESIDENT was a feature of the reception. It was when I got home that nite. My wife was a feature of the reception. It was not long before gallant Phillip took another departure and astonished the crowd by kissing a young lady of some 16 or 18 summers. General Custer, declaring he would not be outdone, also seized end kissed the young lady, and then General Sherman below, and then General Sherman began to look around him for a good. gan to look around him for a good too. model. He soon found one and im-printed a kiss upon her fair cheek years ago, and I can taste it now. only to see her pass by him and kiss
Generals Sheridan and Custer. The
so short a time. President blushed at the rashness of If any man should tell me that lahis young officers, but directly his eyes began to sparkle and he took out his handkerchief and wiped his that I wuzn't drunk that nite, but that I wuzn't drunk that nite, but the passenger who was a clergyman. mouth. The next real handsome young lady who made her appearance was the fortunate first "grown" lady to get a kiss from the President of the United States. The President of the United States. The President of the United States. United States. The President seized If I warn't drunk that nite, I had her hand and pointed his mouth for hers. She drew back at first, but becoming immediately cognizant of the In the first place it was about eighgreat honor conferred upon her, she yielded, and the President gave her beer to my house, and I wuz just two lips a soft touch—hardly sufficient to be called a kiss. Of course Generals bursted through each one of my pan-Sherman, Sheridan and Custer saw taloon neez, and didn't have any hat, this, and a roar of applause was the result. General Sherman declared that he was as good looking as the President, gallant Phil. then pleaded that he knew he was as handsome as Gen. Sherman, and then Gen. Custer was very certain that he looked as lovely as any of the rest, and hence the looked as lovely as any of the rest, and hence the looked as lovely as any of the rest, and hence the looked as lovely as any of the rest, and hence the looked as lovely as any of the rest, and hence the looked as lovely as any of the rest, and hence the looked as lovely as any of the rest, and hence the looked as lovely as any of the looked as lovely as a lovely as any of the rest, and hence the young lady kissed them all, one after the other. This of course opened an excellent opportunity for the fair belies of Toledo and the sunny daughters of the rural districts to kiss the President and some of the looked as actly under me when it was going round, and I set down a little to soon and missed the chair about twelve inches, and couldn't get up soon enough to take the next one that came along; and that ain't all, my wife said I was as drunk as a beast.

If lager beer is not intoxicating it kiss the President and some of the military heroes of the late war, and used me most almighty mean, that I The only Reliable Gift Distribution in the County they took advantage of the opportu- know. nity. Immediately there commenced Still, I hardly think that lager beer a friendly rivalry between Generals is intoxicating, for I have been told Phil. took the lead, and for a time his liver was not plumb. kissed every lady who shook hands I don't want to say anything agin

poined in the fray, and at one time my mouth pried open.

were considerably ahead of the other I don't think lager beer is intoxica-Generals, but we are forced to say, however, that they, like the younger it tastes to me like a glass of soap-Generals, passed every homely lady suds that a pickle had been put to by with a simple shake of the hand, soak in. Our reporter took especial pains to keep a record of the "time," at the end of a half an hour after the kiss- ing made certain assertions concerning had commenced, the tally stood as follows:

NUMBER OF PERSONS KISSED.

Babies, Girls, Ladies, President Grant General Sherman.

the contest.

General Custer, Of course the young ladies had their preferences, and many of them succeeded in executing a very shrewd ting nearer to that point. We trust flank movement by passing through once and kissing their favorite, then dodging out of the ranks and passing around again, thereby giving their favorite an opportunity to tally one more than was justly due. By this more than was justly due. By this around again, thereby giving their favorite an opportunity to tally one done of hostility or competition."

A Pennsylvania clergyman has addressed to L. D. SINE, Box 86, how his senior was getting the ad- sonals in his prayers. For instance : vantage of him, made an attack in "Lord, have mercy on John Shanathe rear, and succeeded in capturing han, who keeps a seloon near the old several smacks from a crowd of young red bridge. Either lay him on a bed

A DISPATCH TO GEN. SHERMAN.

In the heat of the contest their going on, General Sherman received a dispatch from the South but he was the question: "Why don't men martoo much "engaged" to read it, and turning around quickly he kissed one of Toledo's fair daughters who stood behind him, and asked her to read the dispatch and tell him if there was ing there "except something about and ruffles-step into a gentleman's some old grey coats and socks." The furnishing store some day, and then Commercial reporter asked the Gen- see if you can declare that ours cost eral for the dispatch, but the request more than those of the sterner sex. there might be something in it not strip of silk which, unhemmed, could appropriate for the press. He explain- be purchased for seventy-five cents? South, as he had received many such bright stripes around them, unseen General then resumed his attention essary than our chatelaine chains and to the ladies, and the kissing conflict | boquet-holders? progressed with unusual fervor. THE PRESIDENT KISSES A HANDSOME

DAUGHTER. General Custer, whose position was on the left, made a brilliant charge, and for ten minutes kissed every lady that passed him. Just at this moment an old lady came along accompanied by her daughter, a blushing young girl about eighteen years of age. She stopped in front of the President and shook hands with him, saying, "Mr. Grant, this is my daughter." The President immediately stooped down and kissed the young lady, much to the surprise of And shouted as loud as any when a favorite her mother, and he said, "Madam, I such a handsome daughter." The knows that. What can she say? walked away with a smile of satisfac- waiting, and marries Crossus, who Westinghouse Patent Air Brakes,

the sheep and swine.

And the frosts of seventy winters had silvered their heads like mine.

tion on her face. The President soon seems are began to show signs of weariness, but I don't. little Phil and General Custer kept up Why on airth don't they change the name, their friendly rivalry in kissing the We are almost always sorry for every-Then men won't be takin' things for sensi- last lady (a colored one, with her ba- then have been faded, and it is not With nobody to see 'em but crippled old by,) came up stairs, and the reception likely that he would have chosen her.

From an accurate account our re-

porter learned that the President and to marry perhaps-though there are a his attendants kissed the following good many families in the world, afnumber of persons each during the ter all-but don't blame the women reception:

Babies, Girls, Ladies. President Grant, General Sherman General Sheridan General Custer

From additional observations taken by our reporter we are enabled to pretion of the muscular power expended in shaking hands with the vast crowd At the reception of President Grant assembled at the hotel for that purmen expended enough power in shak- with her. MARY KYLE DALLAS. Everybedy being in readiness the doors were thrown open and the ladies began to pour in, shaking hands with President Grant first, and then 6,000 pounds during the short space of ported murdered in the columns of the president Grant first, and then one hour. If we consider the first are the pounds of the president Grant first, and then one hour. If we consider the first are the pounds of the president enough power in start.

Here is a bit of frankness from an out-of-town editor: "For a man report of the president of the president enough power in start.

this proceeding, and will therefore be pardoned by the ladies for entering minutely into this part of the subject.

The crowd still pushed on, and it es of lager in my life, and that made seemed as if there was just a slight rush on the part of the ladies to hurry up stairs when they heard that the pleasant pastime of the ladies to hurry up stairs when they heard that the pleasant pastime of the ladies to hurry up stairs when they heard that the pleasant pastime of the ladies to hurry up stairs when they heard that the pleasant pastime of the ladies to hurry up stairs when they heard that the pleasant pastime of the ladies to hurry up stairs when they heard that they have been dead to have a stair that they have the ladies to hurry up stairs when they heard that they have been dead twist as though it was hung on the end of a string, but I was told that it was owing to my bile being out of place; and I guess it was so, for I never biled over wus than I did

If lager beer is not intoxicating it

with them-except those who were a harmless temperance beverage, but if ever I drink any more it will be General Sherman and the President with my hands tied behind me and

The Springfield Republican, having the intentions of the publisher of the St. Albans Messenger, in regard to the new St. Albans Courier, receives the following reply from the Messenger: The Messenger does not propose to combat the scheme at all. And we shall not issue a morning paper, for even an evening paper has per, for even an evening paper has proved the paper has p never yet been made to pay its expenses here, though it is gradually get-

ladies standing in ambush observing of sickness or have him removed from this town."

WHY MEN DON'T MARRY.

It is very customary for writers of the male sex to ask of their readers ry?" and to answer it by a statement that women are too extravagant.

sonal adornment, but no one can beanything important in it. She blush- lieve that they spend more than men ingly accepted it, and after attentive- do. Our hats are changed no oftener, ly perusing it for a few minutes hand- neither are we more particular about very indignantly that she saw noth- gaws-buckles and pins, and chains, was refused upon the ground that Who give four or five dollars for a ed, however, that he presumed it was And who pay fabulous prices for a dispatch asking clothing supplies steeve-buttons with little dogs' heads for the yellow fever sufferers down on them, and for stockings with applications quite recently, all of by any but the laundress, and for all which he said had been granted. The sorts of things that are no more nec-

It is not our dress that condemns a man to "selfish old bachelorhood." It is oftenest his own heart-his own lack of tenderness and earnestness. Almost any woman who really her choice. With him she could eat bread and cheese, and be happy. If

he loved her as well about the man of Gen'l Ticket Ag't M. P. Ry., Lincoln, Neb.

Ry. St. Joseph, Mo. loves would be willing to fight her he loved her as well, she could wear calico perpetually and be content. But scarcely any man would be willing to dine less sumptuously, to dress less elegantly for the sake of a wife. He does not ask her if she could be

happy with him under any circumstances. He does not mean to marry HANNIBAL & ST. JOE, until he is able to treat himself to a am very much pleased that you have wife who is to cost a great deal. She old lady was quite astounded, but Nothing. She-waits. Do you wonsoon comprehended the situation and der that she sometimes grows tired of tion on her face. The President soon seems ardent despite his gouty toes? Of course she is sorry afterward.

ladies without any evidence of fa-tigue. At four o'clock, however, the tigue. At four o'clock, however, the It is only on her husband's breast that a woman fades sweetly.

Men do not marry now as they used for it. Blame bachelor life, with its eigars, brandy and water, flirtations, and clubs. Blame that competition, with other men, which would make you blush to begin housekeeping in humble style, with a wife unblessed with diamonds. There are women man, Sheridan and Custer-"None sent our readers with an approxima- in books who refuse to marry the man they love because they are poor. I never met one mad enough to do it in real life. And if a man really Through Tickets for sale at all principal offices loves a woman and knows that she FARE ALWAYS AS LOW AS BY ANY ROUTE. truly loves him, he cannot but be- Baggage cheched through to all principal points, als Sherman, Sheridan and Custer.
Suppose that each one of the eminent humblest home that he could share Gen'l Ticket Ag't.

for doubting his identity was evident Fifteen Fast Trains itor declined the editorial honor, and classed himself an embryonic report-

An Evansville spooney was the victim of a heartless joke recently. His companions counterfeited a fletter from a young heiress, which said that his manly bearing had captivated her heart, and hoped he reciprocated. He threw away his tools, invested his money in new clothes, and presented THREE TYPRESS TRAINS. himself to the lady, who indignantly told him that she didn't want a husband who looked like a crooked-necked squash, and if he didn't leave she would remove his hair. He retired.

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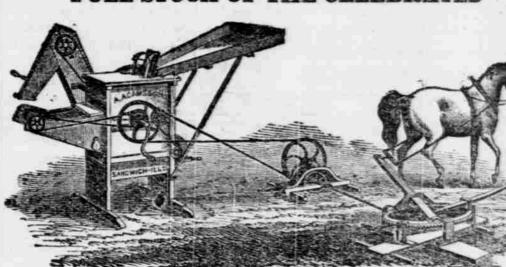
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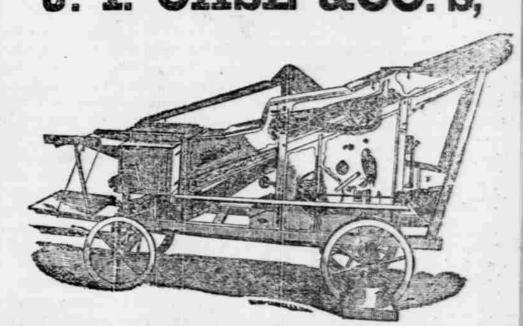
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